

# 2016 Written Essay Hot Topics

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All candidates will complete a writing exercise on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple choice questions.

Each year a list of potential topics will be published for all candidates. Candidates are encouraged to understand each topic very well. However, the essay will also require candidates to demonstrate an understanding of how that particular topic relates to the other areas of knowledge not reflected in that particular year. (i.e., if a topic relates closely to agriculture, the candidate will need to demonstrate an understanding of the topic as well as the relationship that topic shares with FFA and/or the American education system.)

The following is a listing of 10 "hot topics" to guide your preparation for this round in the 2016 selection process.

- **The Future of American Agriculture**
- **21st Century Skills**
- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Advancement of Science & Technology in Agriculture**
- **Agricultural Literacy/Consumer Education**
- **FFA and the fight against hunger**
- **Sustainable Agriculture: Feeding a Growing Population**
- **Global Opportunities and partnerships in FFA**
- **Shortage of Agricultural Educators**
- **FFA in the "Information Age"**

For more information regarding this interview round please reference the New Jersey State Officer Candidate Handbook.